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SUBJECT: DIRECTION OF POST; NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
REPRESENTATION FUNDS

1. I WELCOME ARRIVAL OF CONSUL MACDOUGALL ON TDY AND THE CONTINUITY, COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE WILL GIVE THIS POST DURING WHAT IS CERTAIN TO BE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE (MACDOUGALL AGREES) LONGTERM INTERESTS OF POST SUGGEST THAT CONSUL REED, AS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED OFFICER, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO TAKE CHARGE FOLLOWING MY DEPARTURE, DESPITE HIS JUNIOR RANK TO CONSUL MACDOUGALL. I AM CONFIDENT BOTH OFFICERS WILL COLLABORATE CLOSELY DURING INTERIM PERIOD AND WILL MAKE FULLEST USE OF MACDOUGALL'S FAMILIARITY WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND PROVEN GOOD JUDGMENT.

2. FOLLOWING SPECIAL POINTS ARISE:

A) REPRESENTATION: POST HAS EXHAUSTED REPRESENTATION FUNDS FOR FY-74. BOTH REED AND MACDOUGALL WILL NEED FUNDS FOR ESSENTIAL REPRESENTATION DURING BALANCE OF YEAR, PARTICULARLY LATTER WHO WILL HAVE TO REESTABLISH CONTACTS WHILE STAYING AT HOTEL. I THEREFORE URGE TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL FOR \$300 ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUESTED IN OUR STATUS OF REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS REPORT SUBMITTED MAY 9. (COMMENT: MACDOUGALL

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HAS SELFLESSLY ACCEPTED THIS SPECIAL TDY ASSIGNMENT DESPITE

SERIOUS INTERRUPTION TO HIS SWAHILI LANGUAGE TRAINING ASSIGNMENT, DELAY IN HIS ARRIVAL AT NEXT POST, AND FINANCIAL SACRIFICE SHOULD HE DECIDE BRING HIS WIFE TO JOIN HIM HERE.)

B) FOURTH OF JULY: I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION BE CONTINUED ON SAME SCALE AS RECENT YEARS, DESPITE ABSENCE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER, TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE ARE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PRESENT GOVERNMENT THAN PREVIOUS ONE. IN VIEW MACDOUGALL'S ESTABLISHED POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY, I HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT HE AND REED HOST IT JOINTLY (AFFAIR HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN STAG LUNCH-TIME RECEPTION).

C) INSPECTION: MACDOUGALL IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE POST ON JULY 15 IN ORDER TO RESUME SWAHILI COURSE BY JULY 22. IF INSPECTION OF THIS POST IS CARRIED OUT AS SCHEDULED (JULY 19-26), AND IF DEPT WISHES HIS ASSIGNMENT EXTENDED BEYOND JULY 15, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO HE CAN MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.
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